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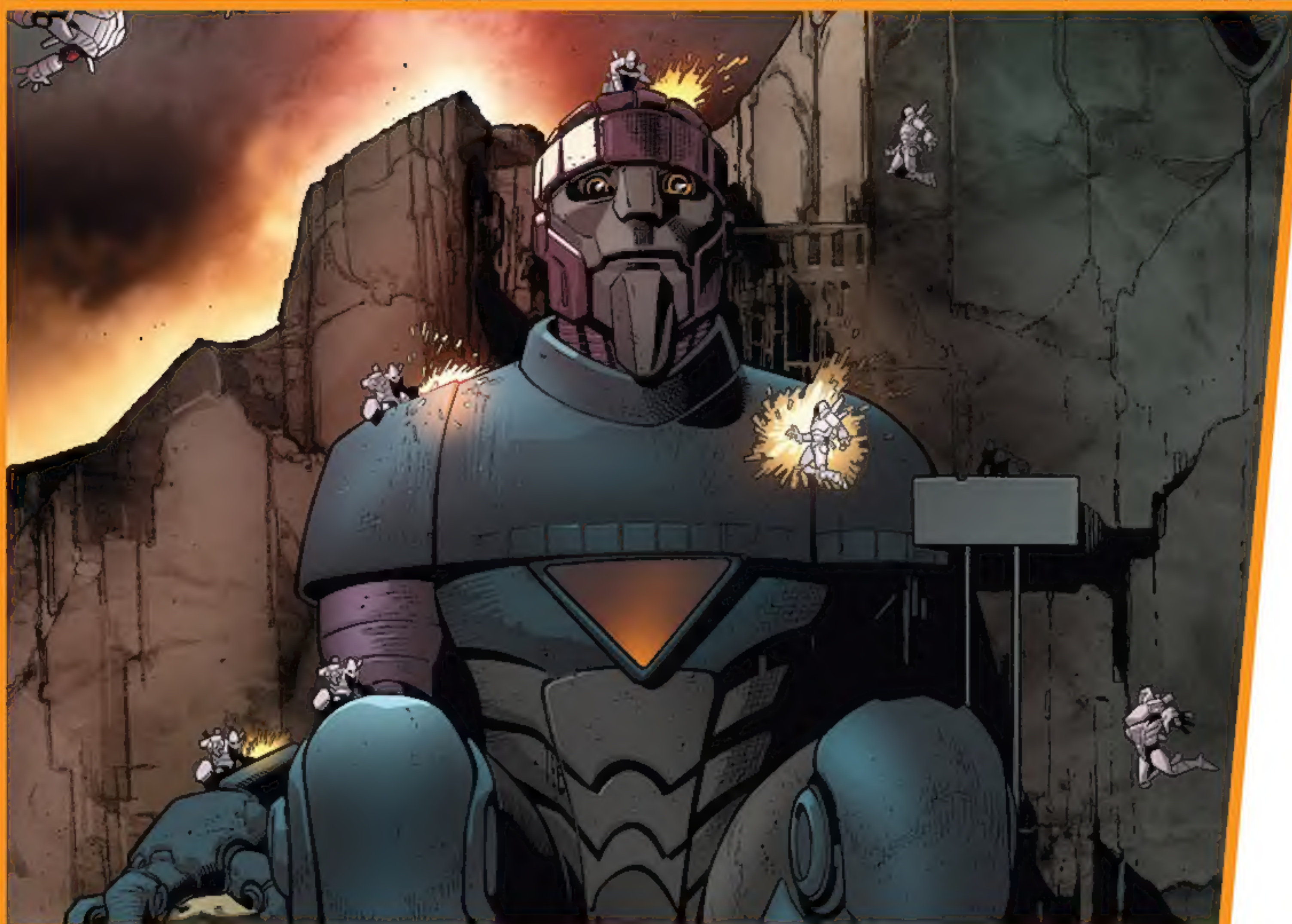
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**LIVING IN A WORLD  
WHERE MUTANTS ARE  
HATED AND FEARED MORE  
THAN EVER, ONE GROUP  
OF YOUNG HEROES HAS  
BANDED TOGETHER TO  
FIGHT BACK.**

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## PREVIOUSLY:

After Magneto's Ultimatum wave ripped apart New York City, mutants have been even more hated and feared than ever before. The U.S. government has authorized use of lethal force against mutants who use their powers; mutants who aren't killed are sent to containment camps, the most notorious being Camp Angel.

After transferring his consciousness into the government-sanctioned Nimrod Sentinels, Stryker has been slaughtering mutants en masse. Just as Storm and Stacy X began a revolt against their human captors, the Nimrods arrived at Camp Angel where they continued their mutant-extinction campaign.

As the Southwestern states fall to the destructive power of the Nimrod Sentinels and are torn from the nation, one mutant is tucked silently away in a mental institution, unaware of the evil that approaches...

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It has been difficult  
for you, I know,  
little bird.



You are of this  
world, but you are  
not a part of it.

Perfect.  
Right here is  
perfect.



Thank you,  
Stephen--



I won't  
be long.

You must feel  
so alone.



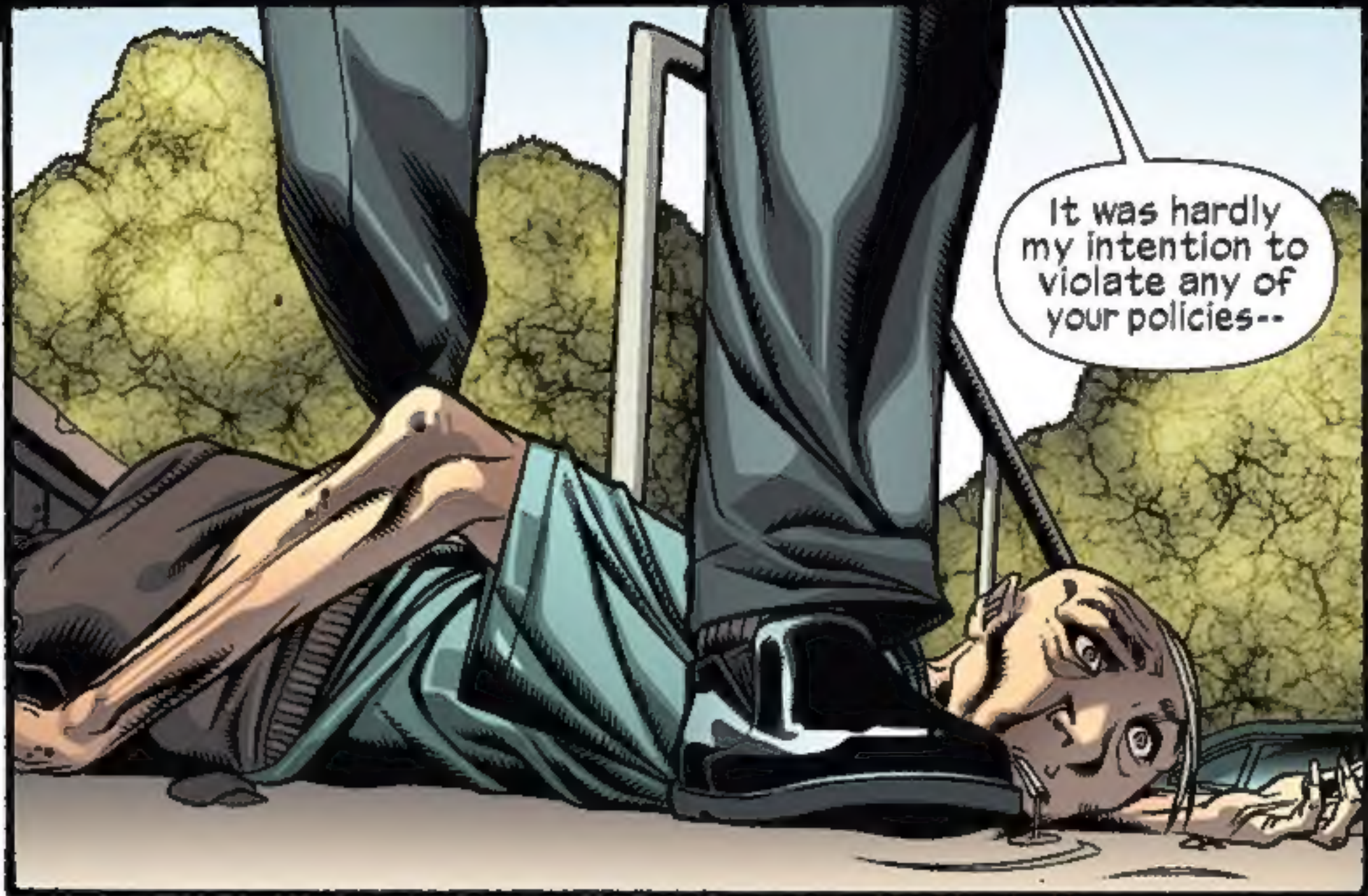


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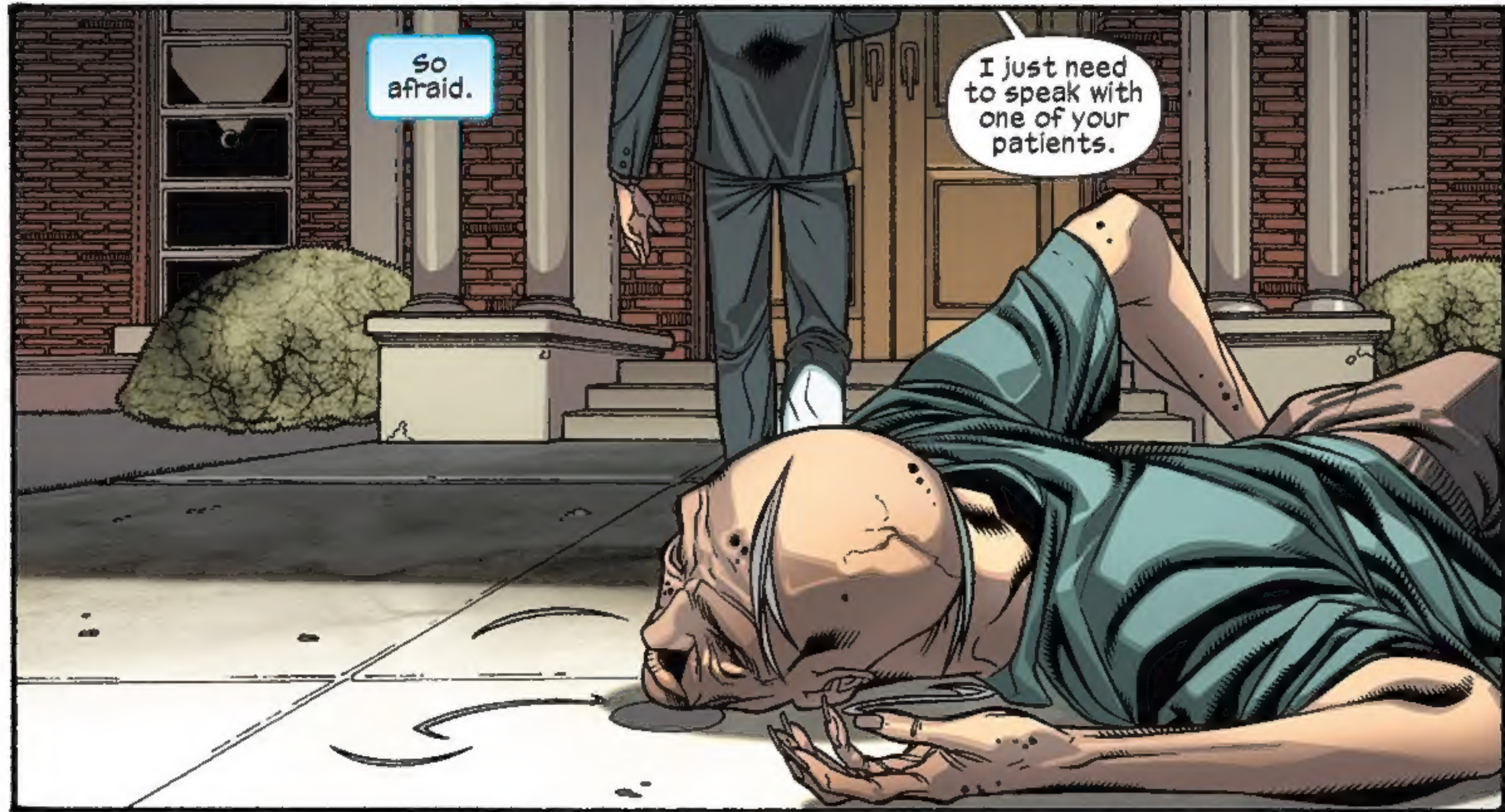
Hm? Oh, my apologies...



So different.



It was hardly my intention to violate any of your policies--



So afraid.

I just need to speak with one of your patients.



You're still having the same dreams, aren't you?

Y-yes.



Tell me about them.

I don't want to do this right now.

Please. This is important.

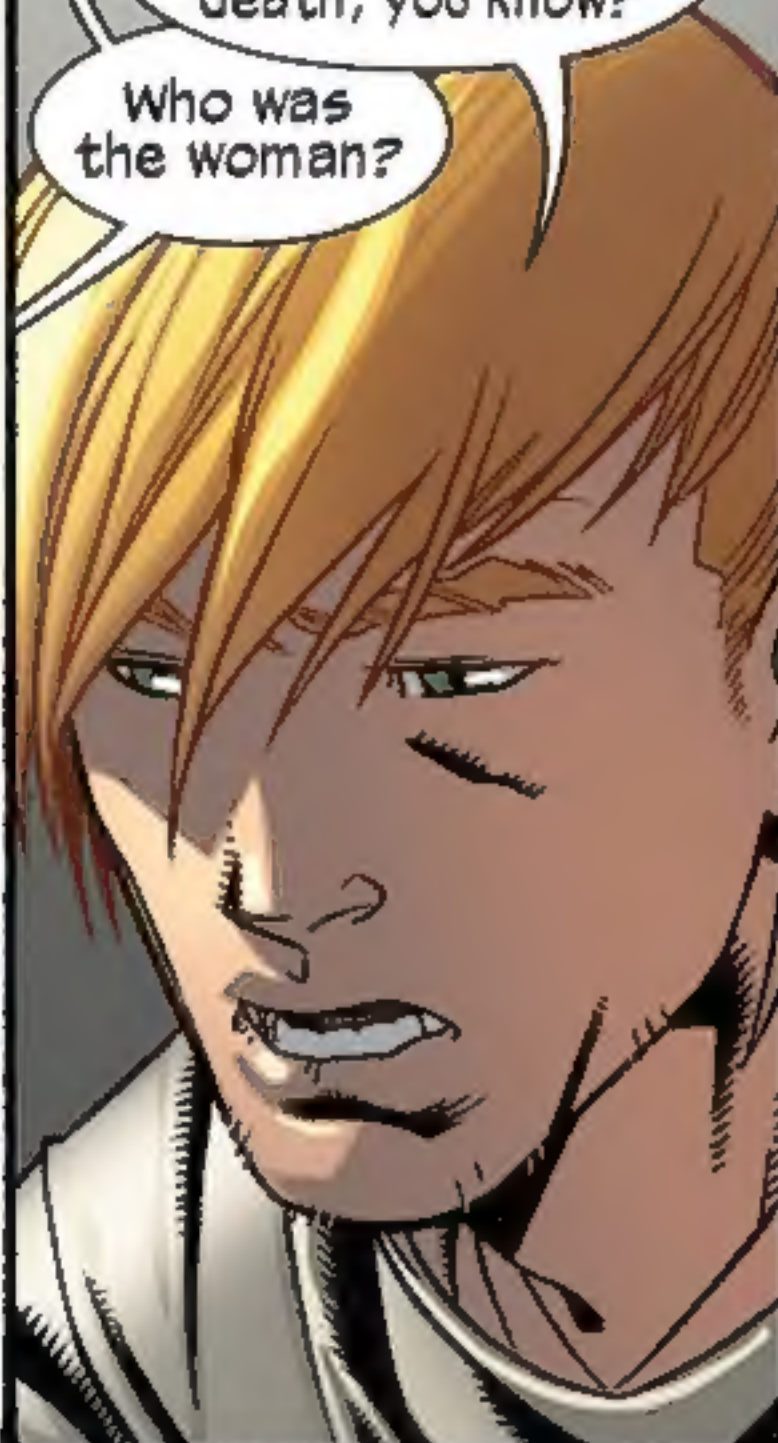
I know, I know.

It's before the flood. Before everything. And I'm in this room, there's nothing in it really...no windows, just one door. And there are other people in with me--other mutants--

Do you remember who?

No. But there was a woman, she came in...I remember, there was this door, and behind it--it looked like...like death, you know?

Who was the woman?



She...

I can't. I can't remember. I'm sorry, I--

That's fine.

Then?

Then everything explodes.







Alex?



You ready for your medicine, sweetheart?

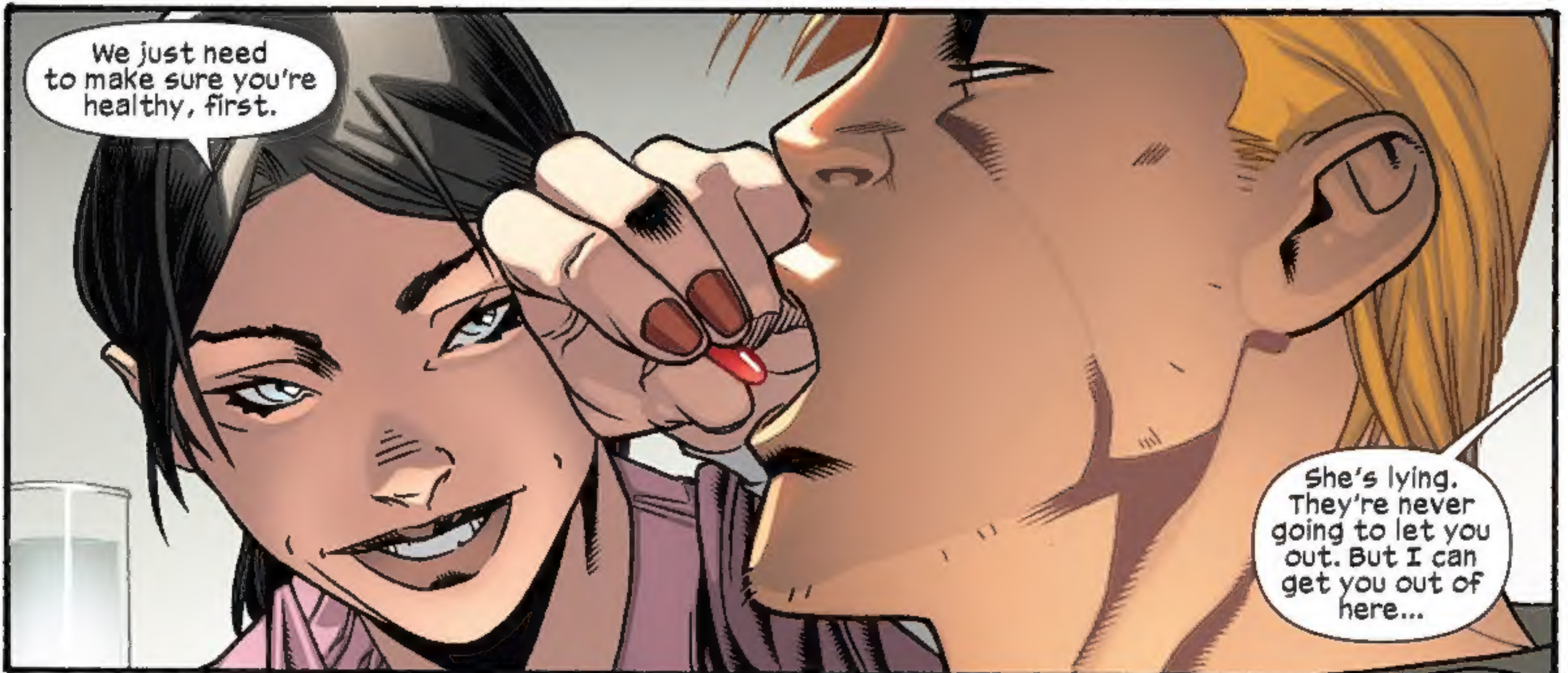
Y-yes, ma'am.



And how are we feeling today?

I'm fine. I want to go home.

I understand that. We want you to go home, too, you know.



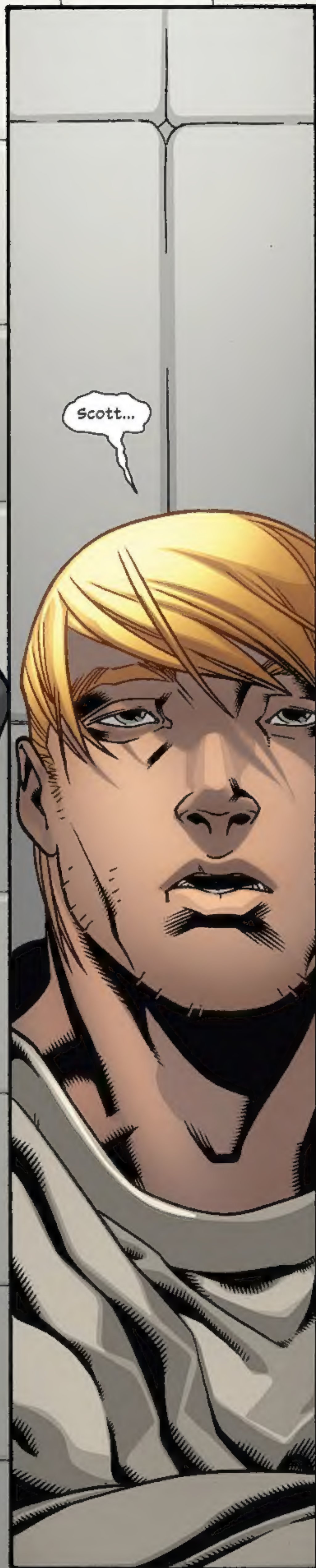
We just need to make sure you're healthy, first.

She's lying. They're never going to let you out. But I can get you out of here...





...If you'll  
just listen to  
your brother  
for once.



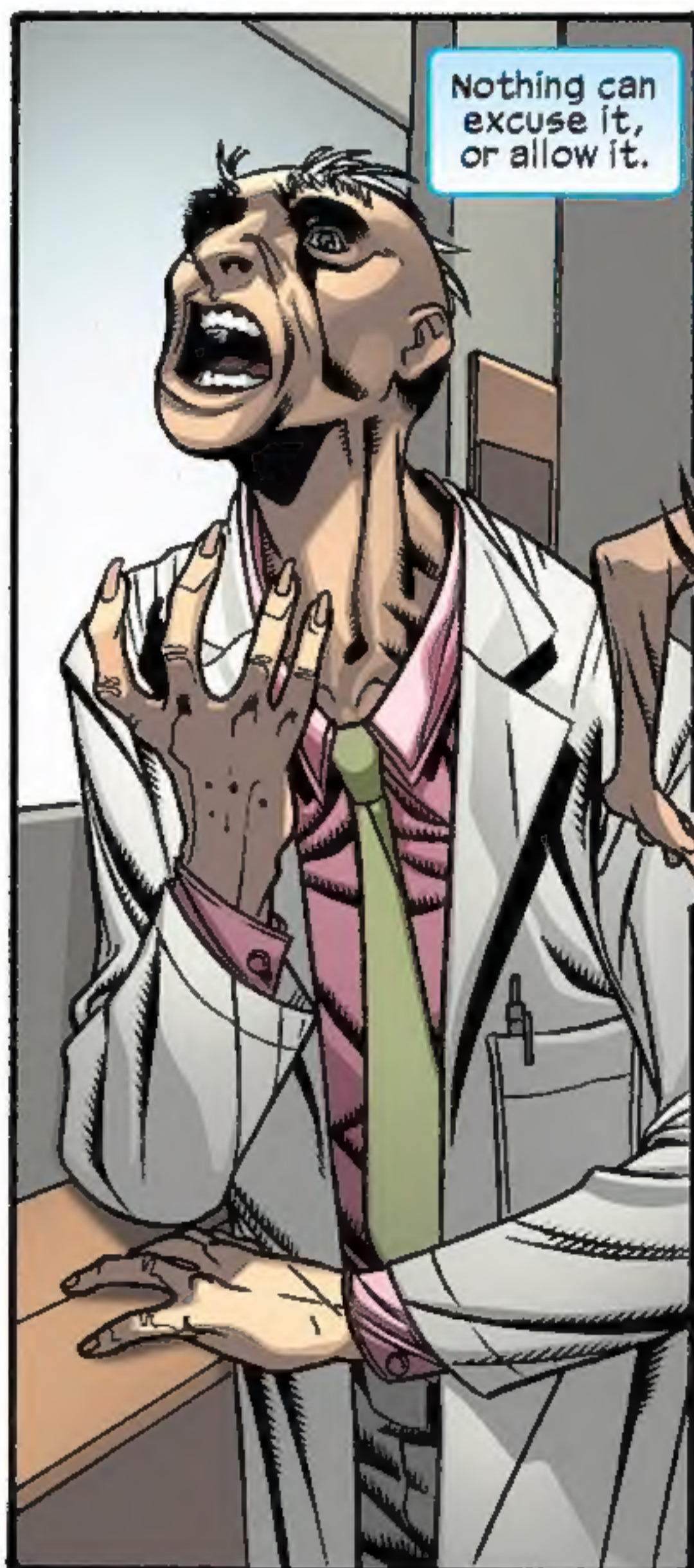
Scott...



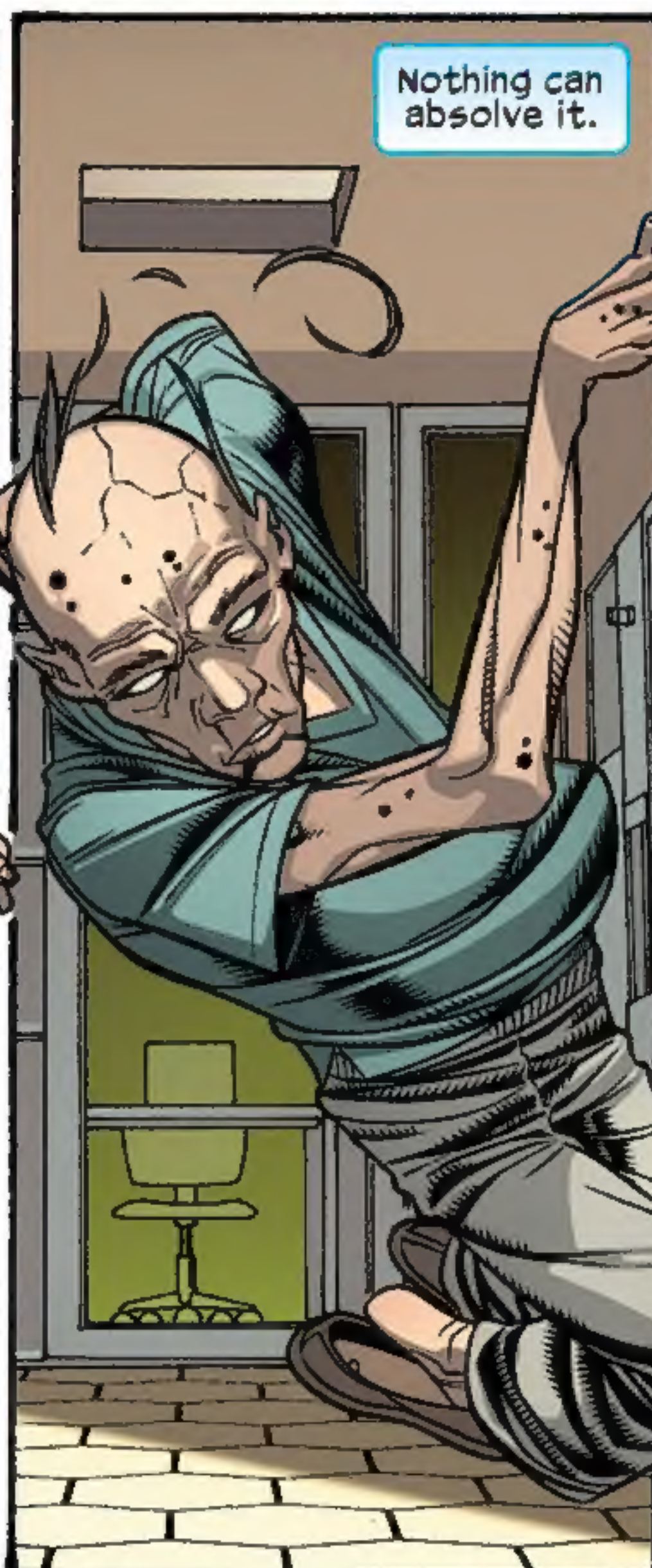


This is not to diminish  
the evil of what you did,  
you understand.

A sin too great  
to name. Abhorrent  
in my eyes.



Nothing can  
excuse it,  
or allow it.

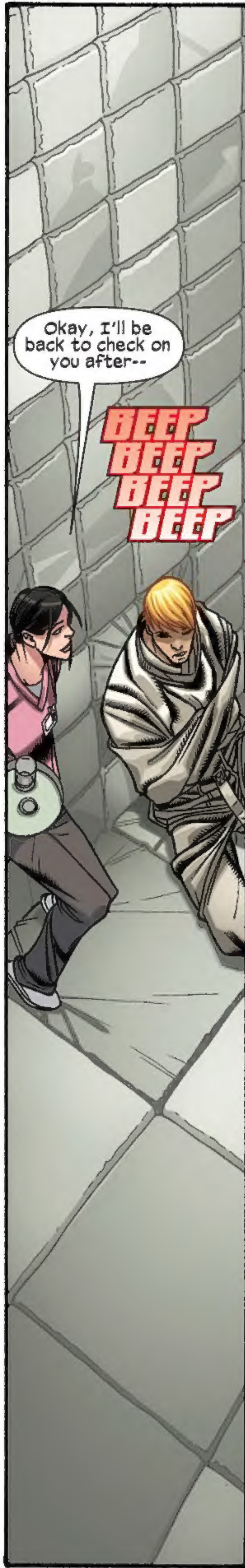


Nothing can  
absolve it.



But I *can*  
understand it.





Okay, I'll be back to check on you after--

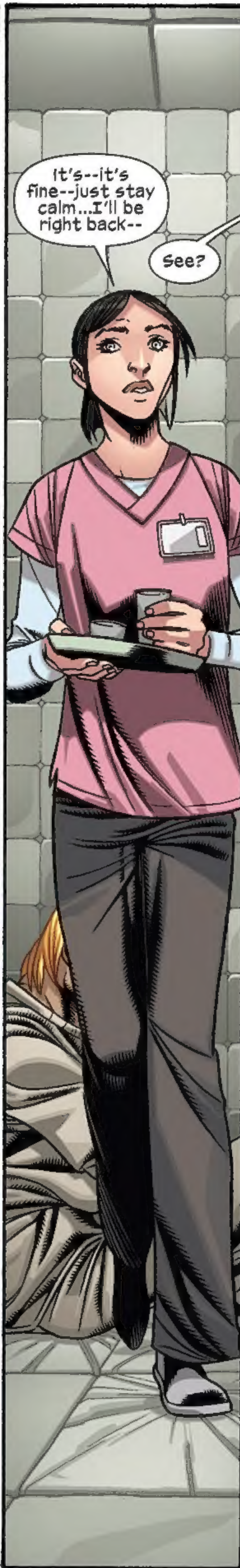
**BEEP  
BEEP  
BEEP  
BEEP**



Oh my god.

What... what's that sound?

**BEEP  
BEEP  
BEEP  
BEEP**



It's--it's fine--just stay calm...I'll be right back--

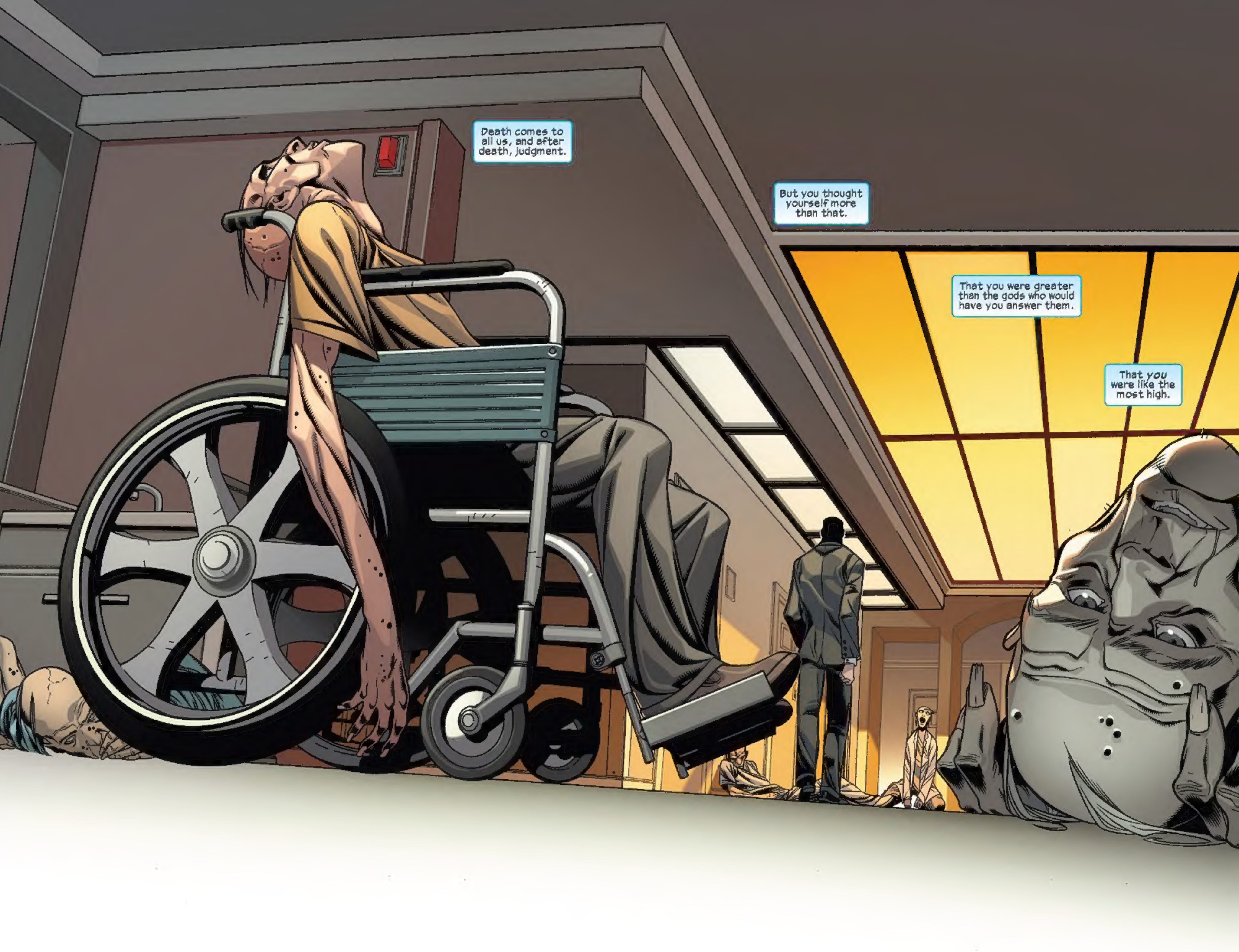
See?



**BEEP  
BEEP  
BEEP**

It's starting already.





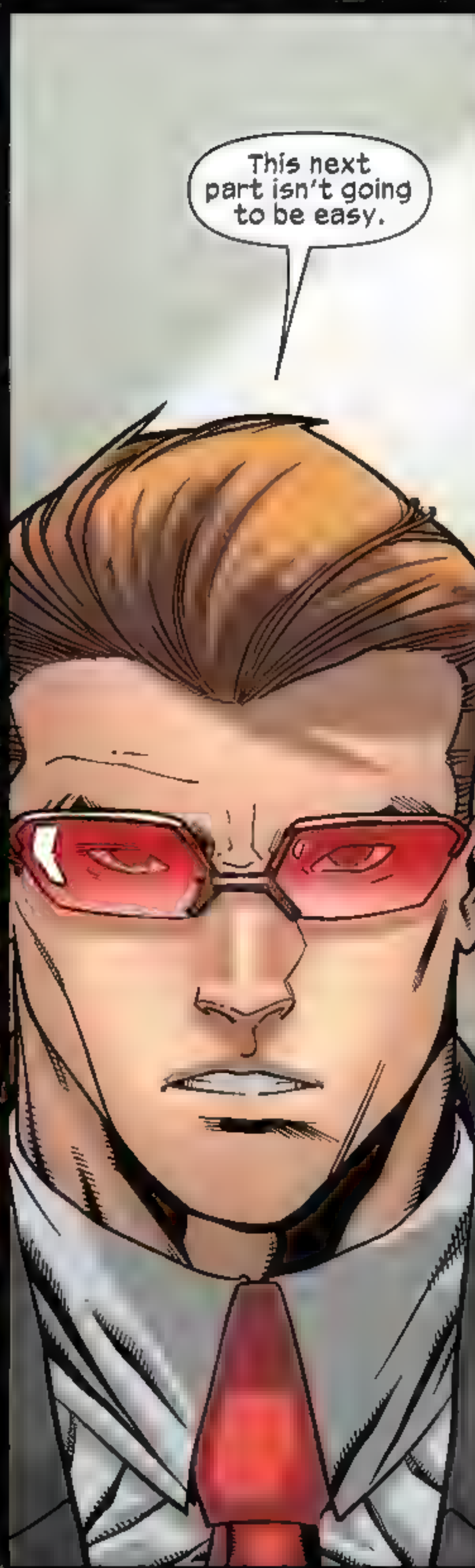
Death comes to  
all us, and after  
death, judgment.

But you thought  
yourself more  
than that.

That you were greater  
than the gods who would  
have you answer them.

That you  
were like the  
most high.









My goodness.  
What have they  
done to you, my  
poor boy?

Who are  
you?

Just  
take it easy,  
Alex--

He's not going  
to hurt you. He's  
not a friend, but...  
he's not going  
to hurt you.

I heard  
screams--

Mm. Just  
now...or in your  
dreams?



Just--leave me alone...  
I just want to be  
left alone.

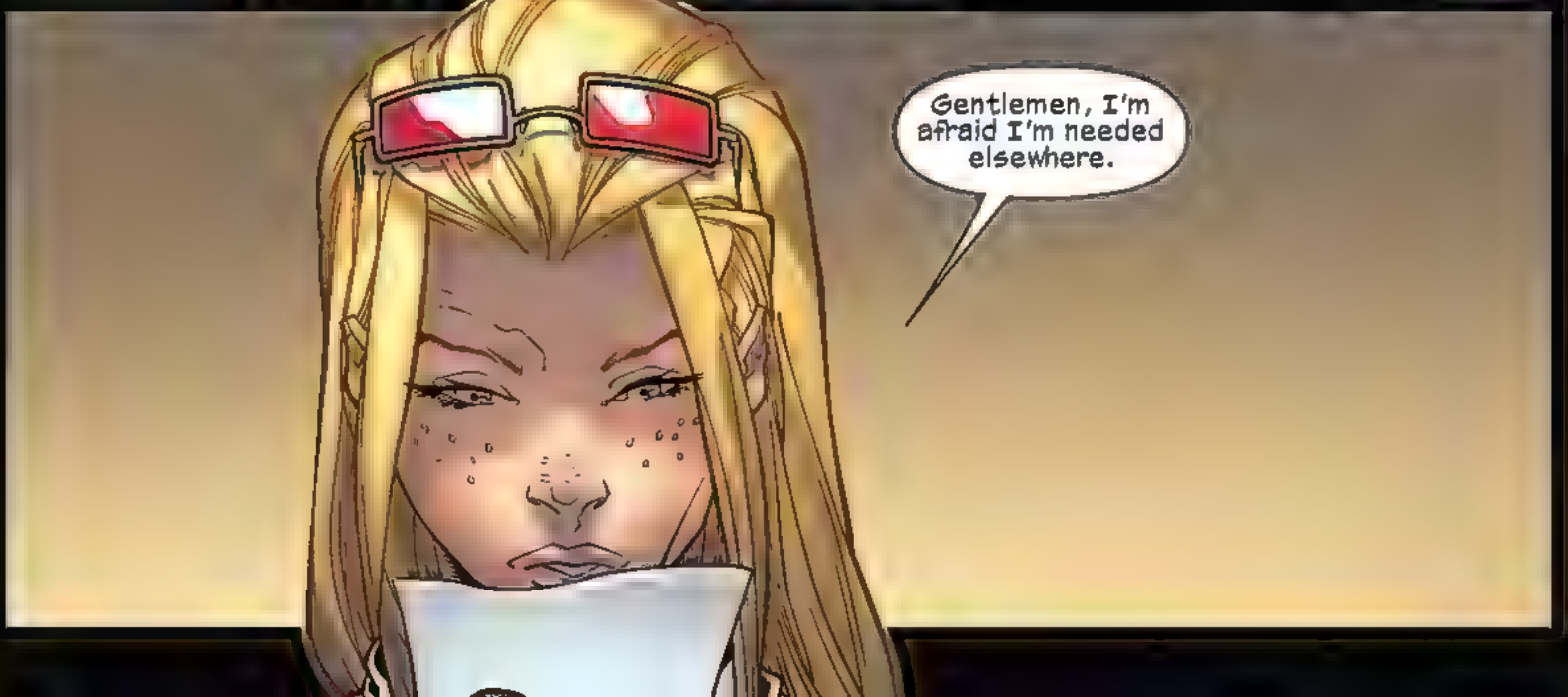
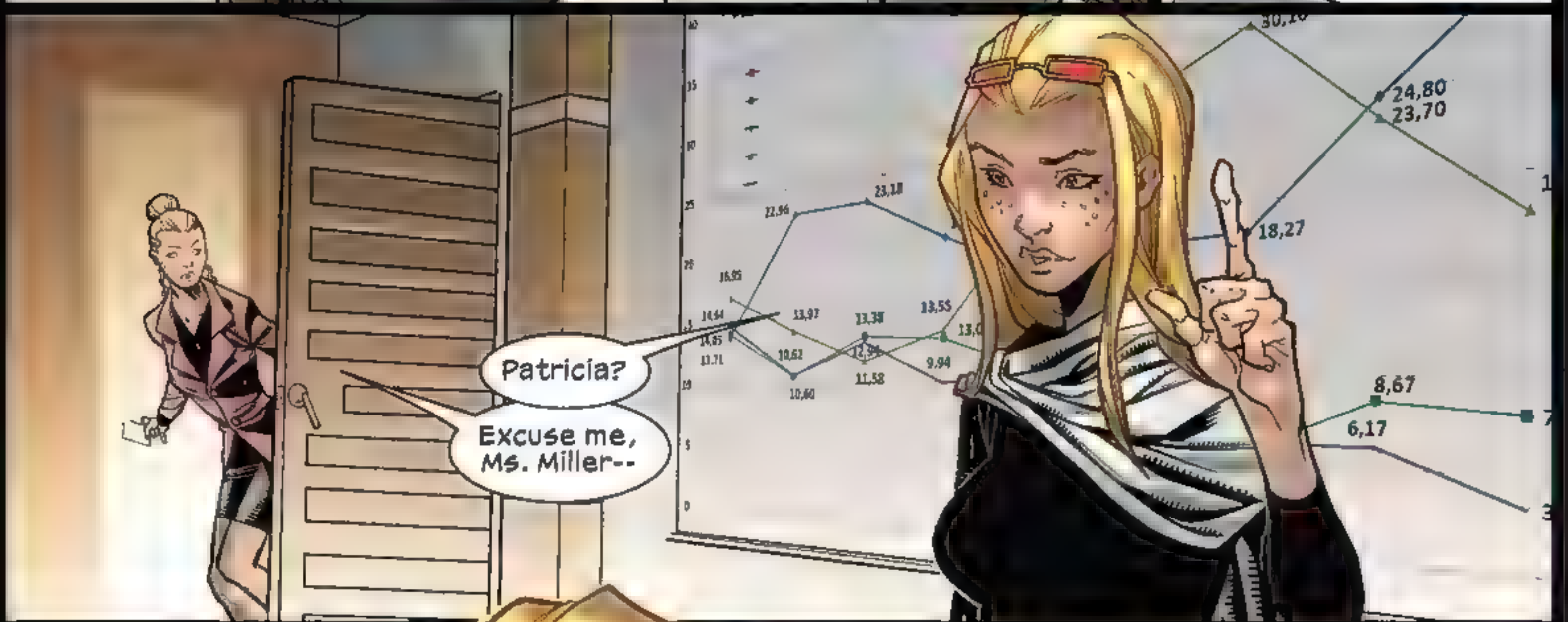
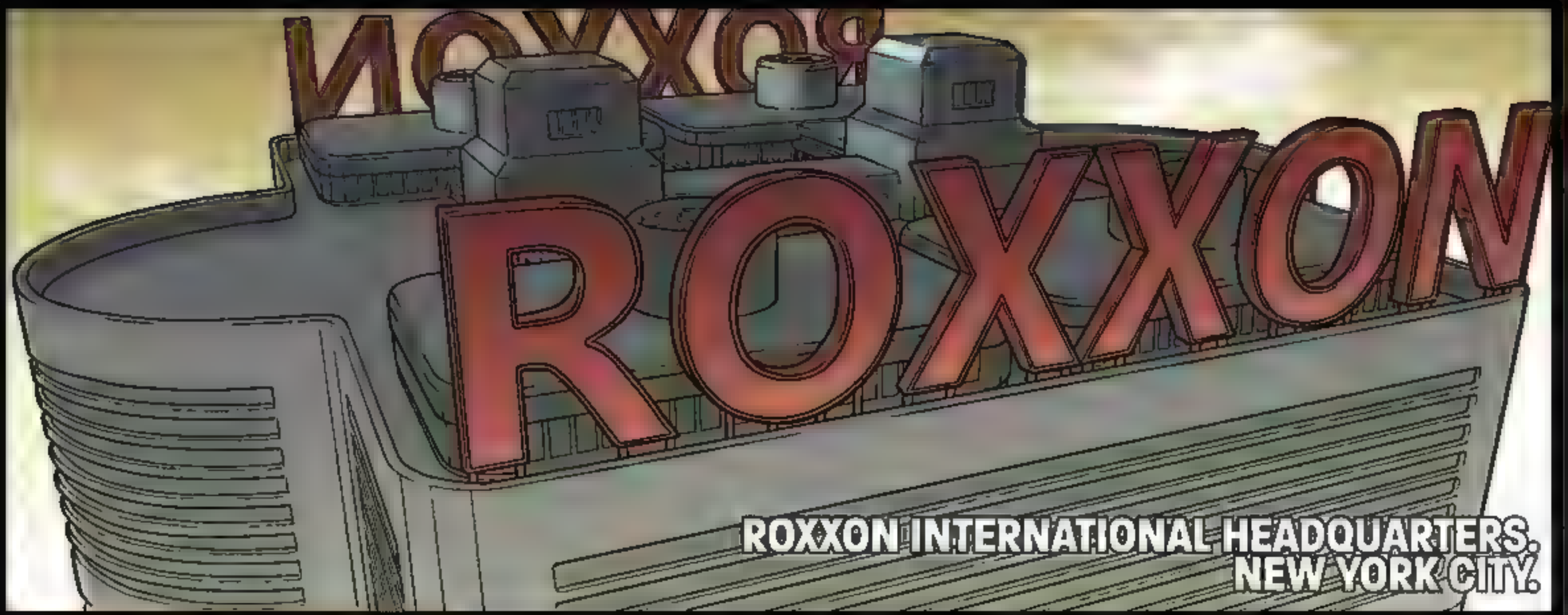
That's not  
going to happen,  
brother. This is what  
has to happen. We've  
talked about it. You  
need to be  
strong.

Hate  
to admit it,  
Alex--

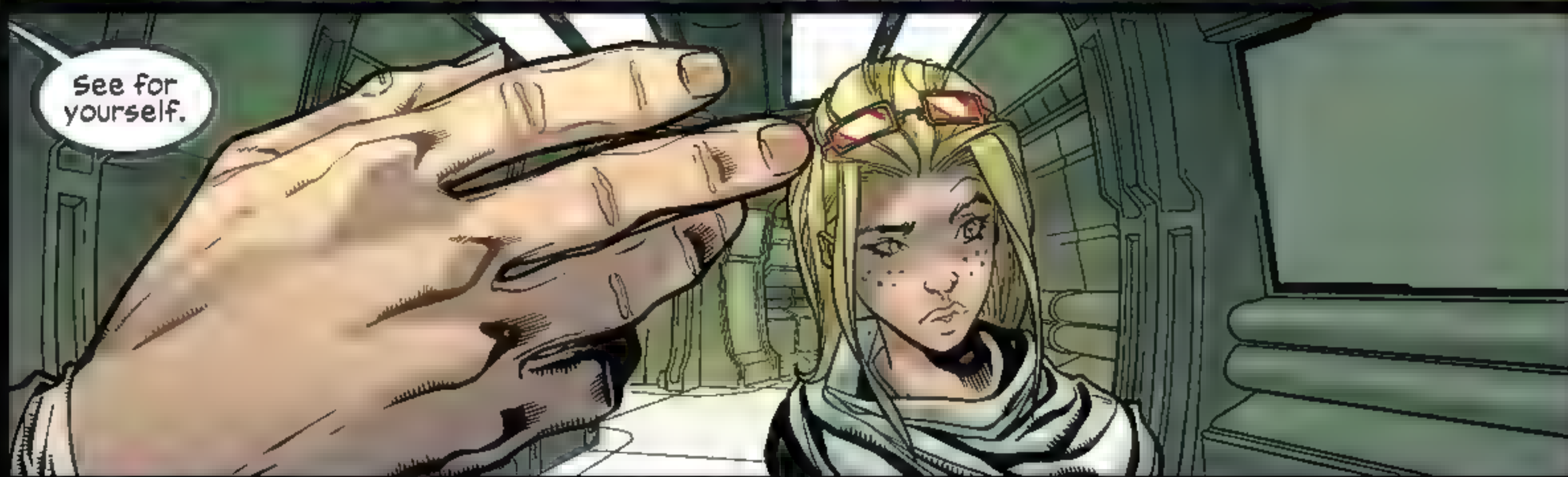
But  
Scott's right  
this time.



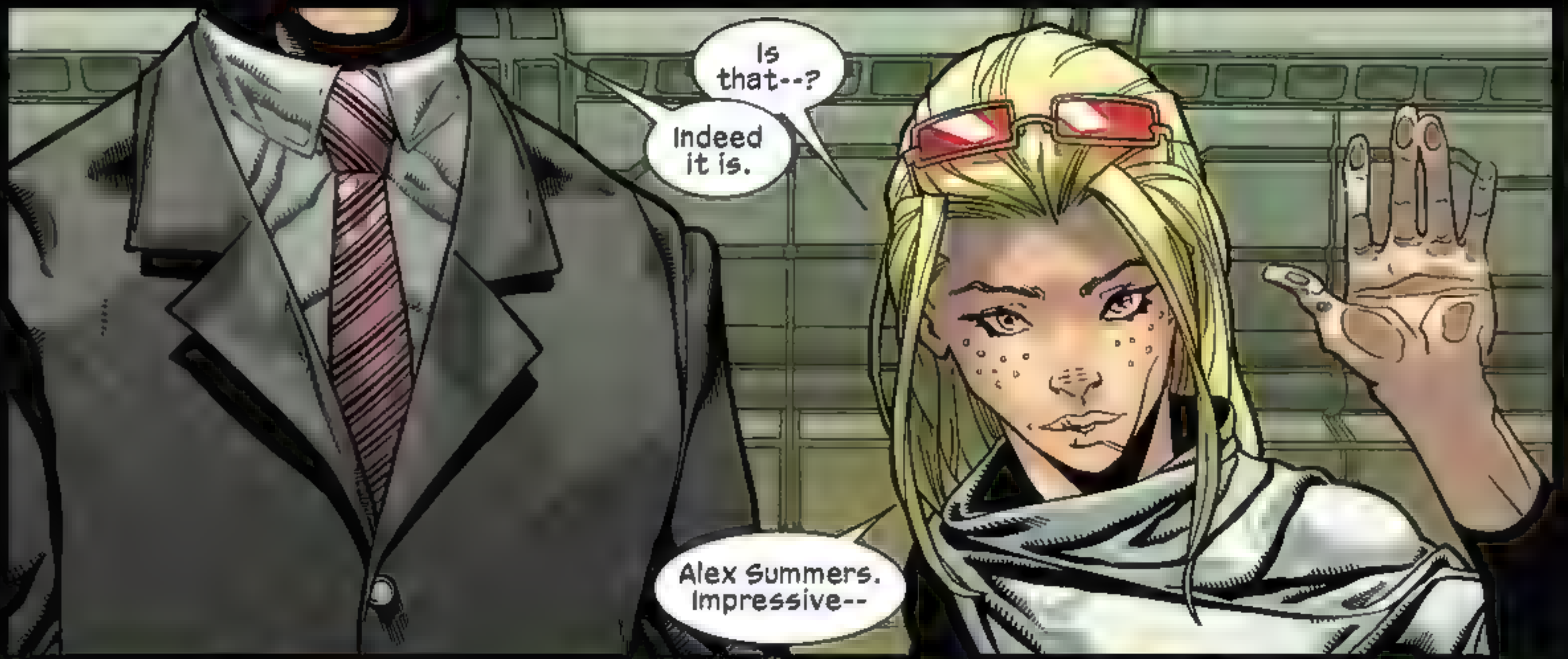








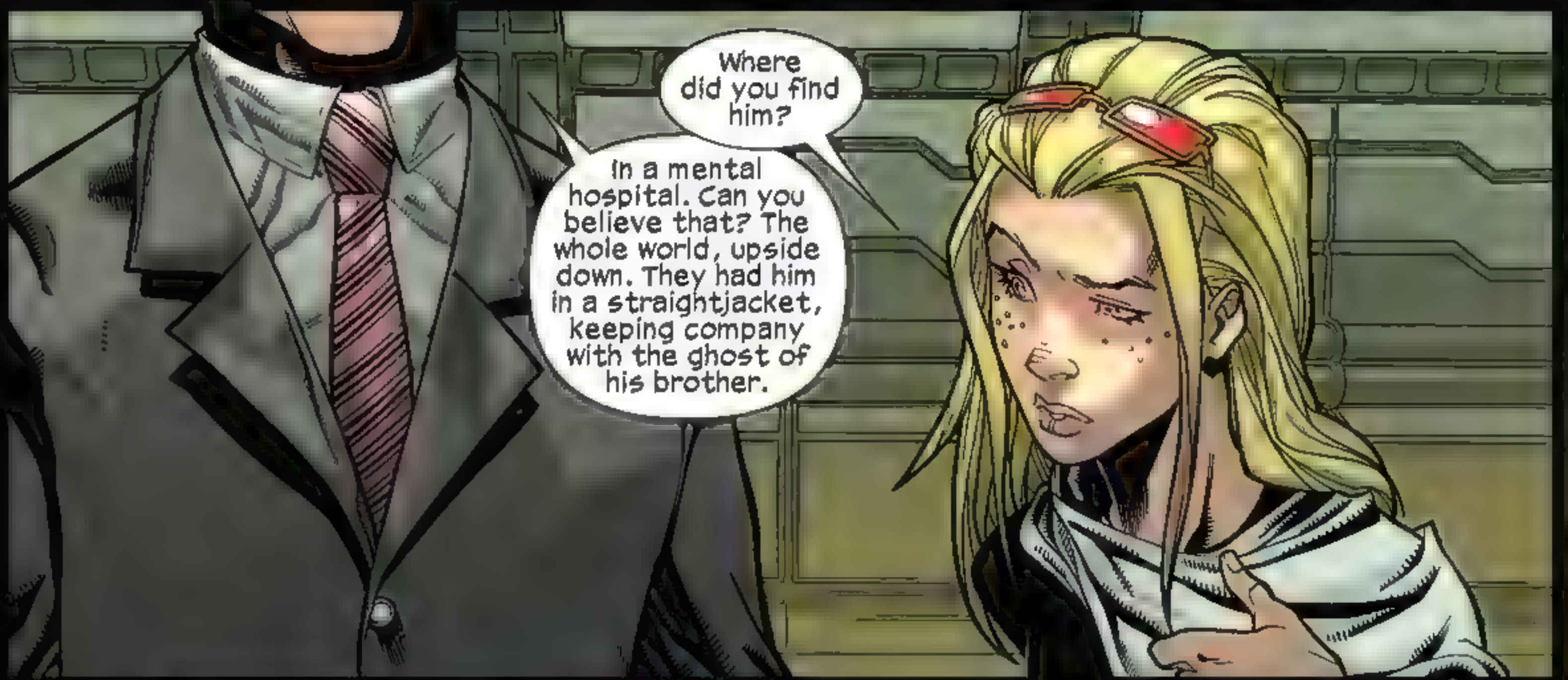




Is that--?

Indeed it is.

Alex Summers. Impressive--



Where did you find him?

In a mental hospital. Can you believe that? The whole world, upside down. They had him in a straightjacket, keeping company with the ghost of his brother.



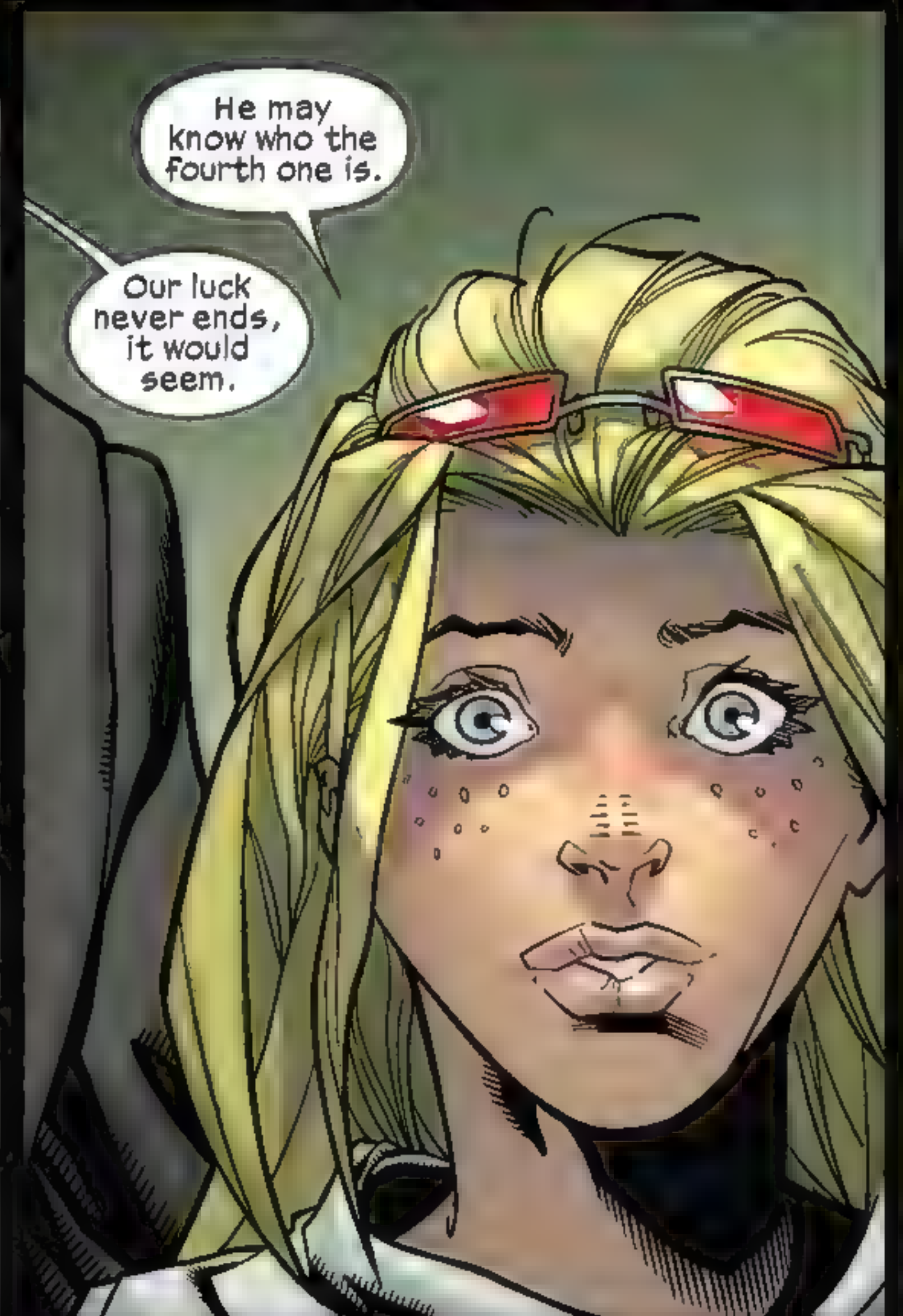
Does he remember anything?

Apparently so. His records spell out some very interesting dreams.

The White Hot Room?

Mm.

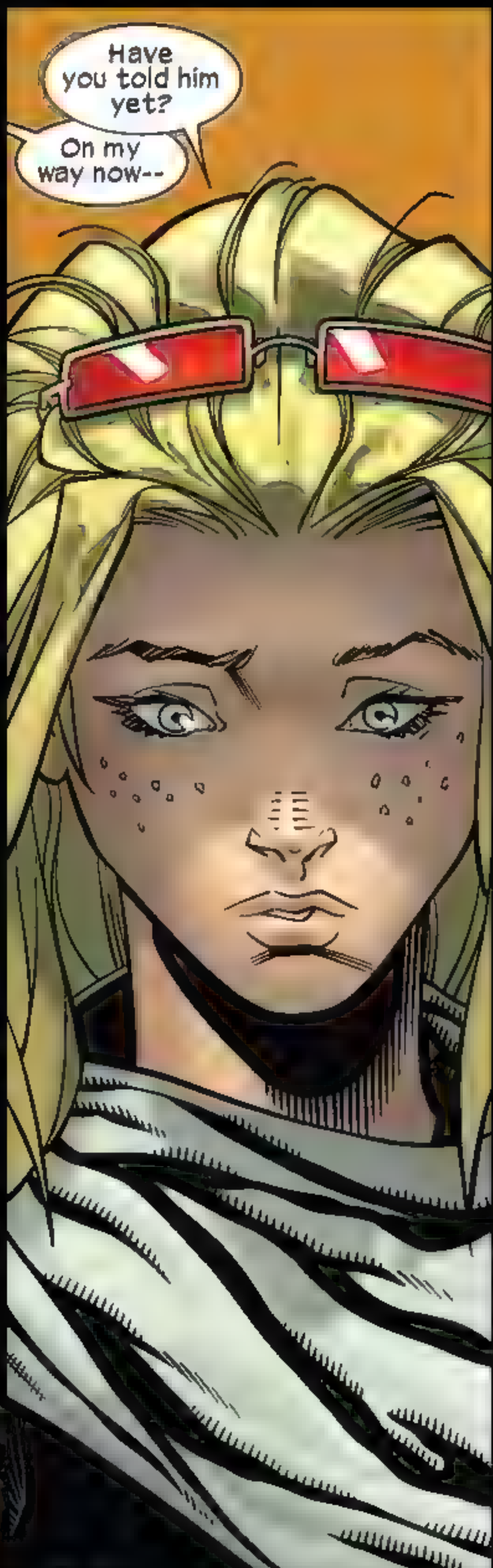
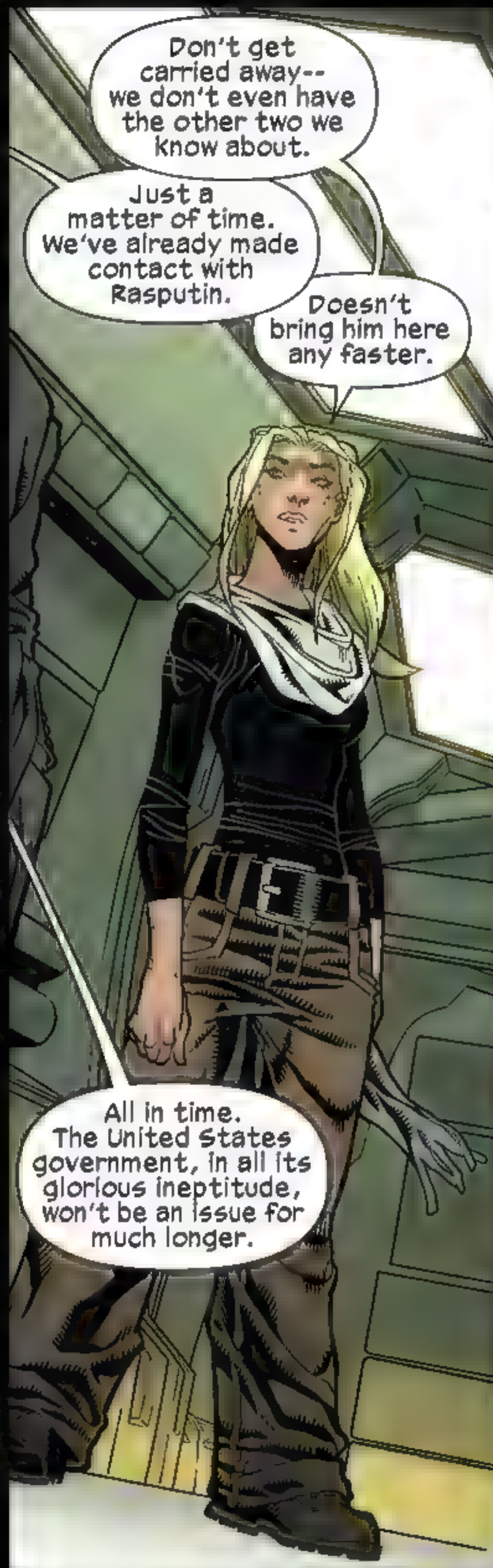
My God--



He may know who the fourth one is.

Our luck never ends, it would seem.









You hated the world around you.



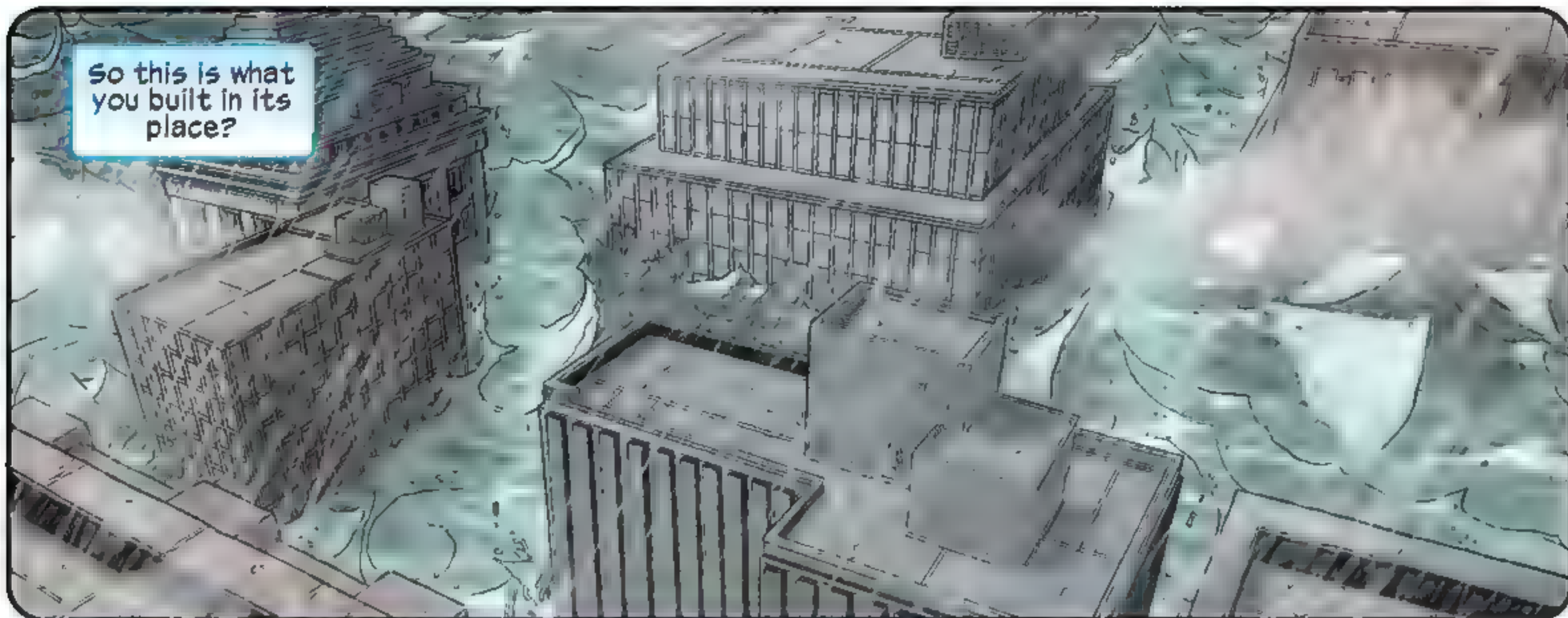
You hated that which made you.

So you decided to change it all.



Make it better.





So this is what  
you built in its  
place?



This is what you  
thought superior?



Now the ghosts of the  
old world appear to  
you, trying to show  
you the way home--



But it's already  
too late.





You will be  
judged for  
your sins.



He is  
here.



Y-Yes, master.  
You--you were  
right again. Soon  
your will be done.



In time,  
yes--





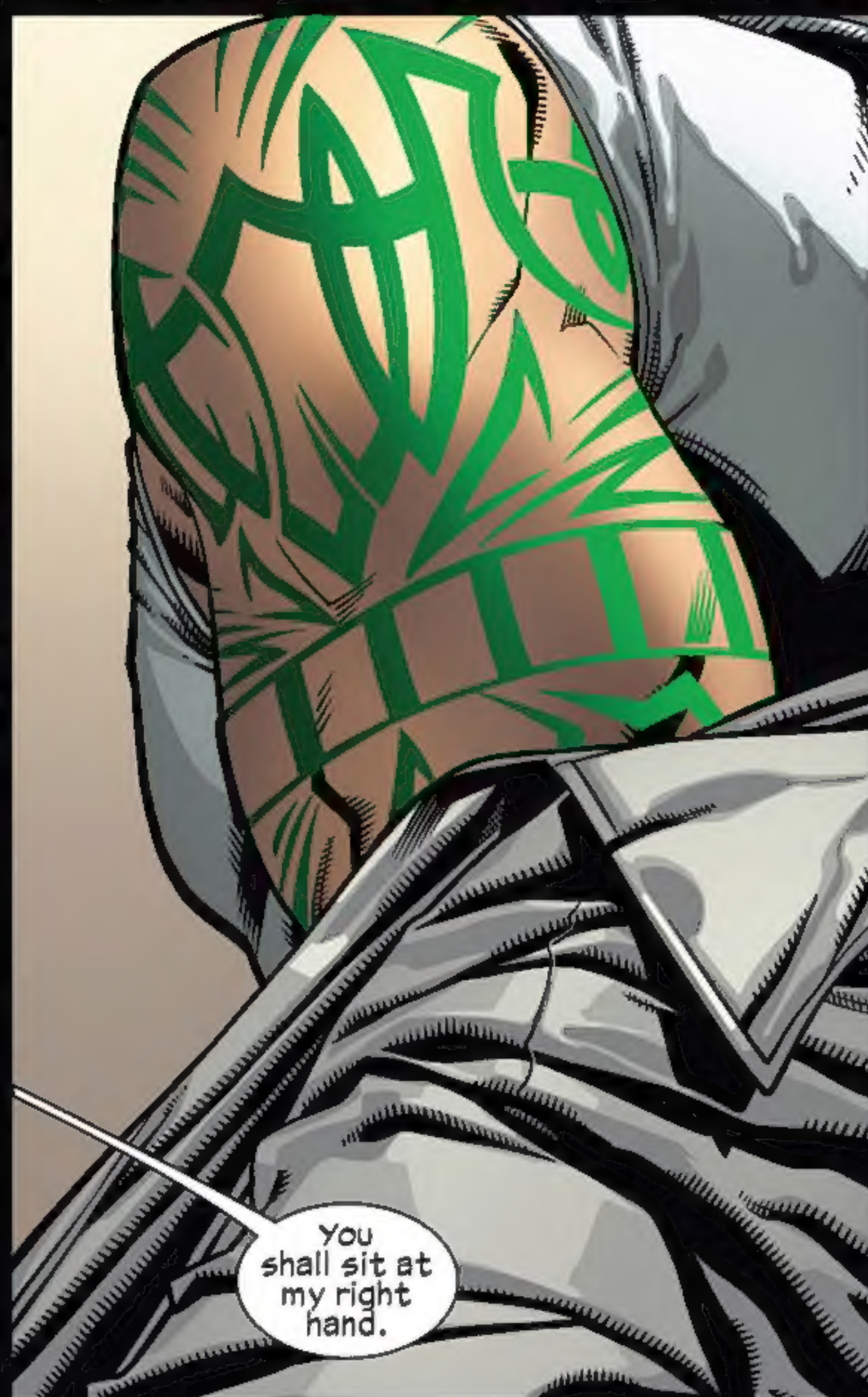
We will restore what has been lost.



We will make right all that was corrupted.



And when that is done, Nathan, then, and only then--



You shall sit at my right hand.





Yes, Lord  
Apocalypse.

THE END...?



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